

HOUSE No. 509

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, petition of Kevin J. Murphy relative to parental notification and consent concerning human sexual education in the public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 32A of Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:—
4 Section 32A. Every city, town, regional school district or voca-
5 tional school district implementing or maintaining curriculum or
6 school sanctioned program or activity which primarily involves
7 human sexual education or human sexuality issues shall adopt a
8 policy ensuring parental/guardian notification. All such curriculum,
9 programs and activities shall be offered only in clearly identified
10 elective or mandatory courses that parents or guardians may choose
11 to enroll their children through written notification to the school;
12 provided, however in the case where it is determined by a school
13 principal, or his designee, that obtaining said notification would be
14 detrimental to the well being of the student, then said student shall
15 be exempt from the notification requirement herein described.